

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

CHIEF HEARING OFFICER DIRECTIVE

DOCKET NOS. 2021-1-E ORDER NO. 2021-55-H

APRIL 29, 2021

CHIEF HEARING OFFICER: David Butler

DOCKET DESCRIPTION:

Annual Review of Base Rates for Fuel Costs of Duke Energy Progress, LLC (For Potential Increase or Decrease in Fuel Adjustment or Gas Adjustment)

MATTER UNDER CONSIDERATION:

Request for Confidential Treatment of Exhibit 3 to Company Witness Ben Waldrep's Direct Testimony

CHIEF HEARING OFFICER'S ACTION:

Duke Energy Progress, LLC ("DEP" or "the Company") requests that Exhibit 3 of Ben Waldrep's Direct Testimony be accepted by the Commission under seal and maintained as confidential pursuant to Order No. 2005-226. According to DEP, Company witness Waldrep's Exhibit 3 contains certain proprietary and confidential information relating to sensitive outage information that if disclosed could negatively impact DEP's ability to safely and reliably provide effective service to its customers. The Company requests that the Commission grant the Company's request for confidential treatment, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-804(S)(2) and the Freedom of Information Act, S.C. Code Ann. § 30-4-10 et seq., and protect this information from public disclosure.

Indeed, Exhibit 3 does contain the dates of scheduled nuclear outages lasting one week or more between March 2021 and June 2022. This Chief Hearing Officer agrees that such information is sensitive outage information, that if disclosed, could negatively impact DEP's ability to safely and reliably provide effective service to its customers. Such information is proprietary and confidential under Commission Regulations and S.C. Code Ann. Section 30-4-10 et seq., and, therefore, should be protected from public disclosure. The Request for the information to be treated as confidential information is hereby granted. This ends the Chief Hearing Officer's Directive.